

## Staying Green: A Guide to Waste Management for the Lodging Industry in New Hampshire



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EPA Global Warming Website	The EPA's website presents information on the very broad issue of climate change and global warming in a way that is meaningful to all parts of society - communities, individuals, business, public officials and governments. <a href="http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming">http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming</a>

## EPA Climate Change and Waste Website

The manufacture, distribution, and use of products - as well as management of the resulting waste - all result in greenhouse gas emissions. Waste prevention and recycling reduce greenhouse gases associated with these activities by reducing methane emissions, saving energy, and increasing forest carbon sequestration. <http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/actions/waste/index.html>

## Technical Assistance

**NH Department of Environmental Services** - Waste Management Division  
6 Hazen Drive,  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-1749  
e-mail: [dmaurer@des.state.nh.us](mailto:dmaurer@des.state.nh.us)

DES's Green Lodging webpage offers information and technical assistance to lodging businesses regarding solid waste reduction, pollution prevention, markets for recycled materials, equipment, and compliance with state and federal environmental laws and rules. <http://www.des.state.nh.us/pcas>

WasteCap Resource Conservation Network  
122 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301 (603) 224-5388 Fax: (603) 224-2872  
email: [mail@nhbia.org](mailto:mail@nhbia.org)

The WasteCap Resource Conservation Network (ReCoN) is an initiative of the Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire. Their goal is to help businesses save money and conserve natural resources by providing free, confidential assistance in reducing solid waste, conserving energy and water, and preventing pollution. <http://www.wastecapnh.org/>

New Hampshire Cooperative Extension  
59 College Road, Taylor Hall, Durham, NH 03824-3587 (603) 862-1520, fax (603) 862-1585

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, including composting and other resource management information. <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/>

NH Governor's Recycling Program  
2 ½ Beacon Street  
Concord, NH 03301-4497  
(603) 271-1098

The NHGRP provides technical assistance, stimulates and promotes new recycling ideas, and has developed databases on municipal recycling and markets for recyclables.  
<http://webster.state.nh.us/recycle/>

## Industry Associations

New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association  
P.O. Box 1175  
Concord, NH 03302-1175 603-228-9585 • Fax: 603-226-1829 email: [nhlra@nhlra.com](mailto:nhlra@nhlra.com)

NHLRA's mission is to promote, protect and educate the foodservice and lodging industries of the state and to ensure positive business growth for our members. NHLRA strives to represent the best interest of its members on small business issues, hospitality and tourism concerns and towards the protection of New Hampshire's quality of life. <http://www.nhlra.com/>

New Hampshire Travel Council  
PO Bo 241,  
Concord, NH 03302-0241  
603-223-9900

The Travel Council is a statewide advocate and steward of the New Hampshire Tourism Industry. The Council sponsor's workshops, conferences and provides a variety of assistance to the tourism industry in New Hampshire.

NH Campground Owners' Association  
Ron Brown, Executive Director  
PO Box 320 #427 Rte 115  
Twin Mountain, NH 03595-0320  
603-846-5511 Fax: 603-846-2151  
email: [info@ucampnh.com](mailto:info@ucampnh.com)

The New Hampshire Campground Owner's Association works to promote camping and outdoor activities in New Hampshire. The Association develops standards for campground management, publishes guides and information for campers regarding hunting, boating and fishing information.  
<http://www.ucampnh.com/>

## Green Lodging Organizations

Green Hotels Association  
PO Box 420212  
Houston, TX 77242-0212  
713-789-8889, fax 713-789-9786

The Green Hotel Association is an organization of lodging establishments that support and incorporate green practices into their operations. The Association provides signs, placards, information and analysis on the benefits of green lodging practices.  
<http://www.greenhotels.com>

Project Planet  
3031 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.  
Decatur, GA 30030  
Phone: 800-527-1195  
or (404) 373-0074 fax: (404) 373-0480 email:  
[savenow@projectplanetcorp.com](mailto:savenow@projectplanetcorp.com)

Project Planet offers signs, placards and other materials for guests that wish to use their bed linens and towels more than once. This results in reduced water, energy, labor, detergent, and sheet/towel replacement costs.  
<http://www.projectplanetcorp.com>